

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 3, 2011

The Special Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority was called to order at 6:15 p.m., by Chairperson Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bates, Beckles, Booze, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Chairperson Butt, and Chairperson McLaughlin; Housing Authority Tenant Commissioners Hall and Thompson. **Absent:** None.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

HOUSING AUTHORITY AS A WHOLE

In the matter to review and make recommendations on the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Audit Report 2009-LA-1020 Councilmember Bates and Housing Authority Executive Director Tim Jones gave an overview of the item. Mike Davenport and Bea Roberson gave comments. A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to restrict the executive director of the Richmond Housing Authority from executing any contracts in excess of \$10,000 without the approval of the city manager and the Board or the Council, and further all personal service contracts must have the approval of the city manager and the Board and Council. City Attorney Randy Riddle stated that he would review the issue to identify any legal reasons that would prevent Commissioner Bates' suggestion from taking place. He stated that the Richmond Housing Authority was a separate entity and did not fall under the same rules and regulations as the Charter of the City of Richmond. Mr. Riddle also stated that changing the executive director's authority was not agendaized and would have to be addressed at a future meeting. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to go forward with the motion subject to the city attorney identifying any legal reasons why the change could not happen. Commissioner Bates modified his motion as follows: the execution of contracts shall be consistent with the authority as directed by the Chart of the City of Richmond with the limitation of \$10,000 as per the Chart of the City of Richmond with the city manager over-site and approval by the Council of any contracts in excess of \$10,000. The motion passed with Housing Authority Tenant Commissioner Thompson voting Noe. A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to refer the issue of nepotism by the Richmond Housing Authority to the Grand Jury. Commissioner Rogers requested that the city manager do a full investigation and come back to the City Council with a recommendation. The motion failed for lack of a second.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at
7:06 p.m.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved:

Chairperson